

Jackson Township Recycling News



Due to the population results of the 2010 Census, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection determined Jackson Township is mandated to collect leaf and yard waste. Jackson Township applied for an Act 101, Section 902, Recycling Grant and received funding assistance to establish a program and purchase equipment for the collection of leaf and yard waste. Leaf and yard waste will be collected curbside.

Spring curbside collection will be for yard waste, which consists of branches, brush, sticks and twigs. Fall curbside collection will be for the collection of leaves. GRASS CLIPPINGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

Spring Curbside Yard Waste Collection Guidelines: April 28, 2014

Each street is only checked1 time. Therefore, it is very important to have your items on the street by 7

a.m. on the date listed.

Branches and green/garden materials can be co-mingled, but <u>must</u> be placed as close as possible to the edge of the pavement and parallel with the street.

Piles can be up to 8 feet long x 5 feet wide and can be stacked 5 feet high.

DO NOT place piles near signs, mailboxes, poles, cars, intersections, fire hydrants, street lights, or any objects which may interfere with the loading and collection.

Yard Waste must be placed along the curb line by 7:00 a.m. on the date listed above.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS for collection will be BRANCHES, BRUSH, STICKS, and TWIGS.

- All branches must be cut to 4' in length and less than 6" in diameter
- Any unacceptable items will be left on the property and will be the owner's responsibility
- Any items placed in open barrels or bins will be collected and the receptacles returned to the curb.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS are as follows:

- Any non-wood items will NOT be collected.
- NO root systems will be accepted for collection.
- NO sod of any kind.
- NO chemically treated products will be collected.
- NO furniture of any type will be collected.
- NO GRASS CLIPPINGS
- NO poisonous plants, stones, dirt or stumps
- NO garbage
- NO items in bags will be accepted.

An agreement with JRM Pallets, 212 E. Mill Ave. allows Jackson Township residents to utilize their yard waste drop off facility, which is open year round, 7 days a week. A yearly permitobtained from JRM Pallets is required to use their facility. Please call 717-926-6892 for more information.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Township Road Crew will begin leaf collection on October 20th and continue until December 4th orfirst measurable snowfall whichever comes first. NO COLLECTION ON NOVEMBER 4TH. 27TH& 28TH.



Fall Curbside Leaf Collection Guidelines

Do:

- Rake leaves out 2 feet away from curbing or to within 6 feet of roadside,
- items to be collected should be placed away from mailboxes or other objects to avoid damage to the equipment,
- be aware that collection is for leaves ONLY and other debris or items will damage the equipment.

DO NOT:

- PLACE STICKS, TWIGS, OR ANY OTHER ITEMS IN LEAF PILE,
- bag leaves,
- park vehicles on top of or near piles to be collected,
- include ornamental grass.

This collection is for LEAVES ONLY. Grass clippings and brush will NOT be collected. Leaf piles containing anything other than leaves will be left at the curb. It will then be the property owner's responsibility to dispose of the leaves.

**IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, LEAF COLLECTION MAY BE POSTPONED.

PLEASE PUT YOUR LEAVES OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

MOBILE HOME PARKS – The park owner will designate a location in the park where residents can drop off their spring foliage.



TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE CREWS/EQUIPMENT

CAUTION is urged when approaching (by foot or driving) any
Township vehicle. Visibility is a definite problem when operating
larger trucks and equipment. Always approach the front side of the
vehicle where drivers can see you. The Leaf Collection Truck is slow
moving with a powerful vacuum so please keep children, pets and
yourself at a safe distance.

Your safety is of importance to us.

The Burning Ordinance was amended in 2014 to allow the burning of non-recyclable materials. Burning is permitted on residential properties of one or two family dwellings. The amendment prohibits the burning ofleaves and yard waste which are recyclable materials and should be used as mulch. Copies of the ordinance or any questions should be directed to the Zoning Officer – 717-866-4771.

Recycling is mandatory in Jackson Township. Recycling containers are available at no cost and can be picked up at the Township Building.

- All residents must contract curbside recycling services through a licensed garbage hauler.
- Materials to be Recycled (required):
 Glass (clear, green, brown food/drink bottles and jars) rinse and discard lids
 Aluminum Cans rinse and clean
 Steel cans rinse and clean remove lid and place inside can
 # 1 through # 7 plastic bottles remove caps rinse crush bottles
 newspaper–stack in paper grocery bag or tie with string

Commercial Recycling Requirements:

PA State law requires all commercial, municipal & institutional establishments within mandated communities to recycle high-grade office paper, cardboard and aluminum cans.

Annual recycling reports for commercial, municipal and institutional establishments may be required.



Individuals and Small Businesses with 10 or more items

MUST CALL TO SCHEDULE an appointment to drop off electronics.

Jackson Township 60 N. Ramona Rd. Myerstown, PA 17067

Phone: 717-866-4771

Website: jacksontownship-pa.gov

This notice is being sent to all property owners, businesses and institutions in the Township. It includes information on our recycling programs for the entire year. Therefore, it is very important to keep this notice and mark your calendar.

Stormwater Reminder: What is an Illicit Discharge?

Illicit Discharges are all effluents flowing into a stormwater system that aren't stormwater runoff. Paints, septic systems, greywater (i.e. washing machines), grease, waste oil, etc., are all illicit discharges.

Under the federal NPDES Phase I and II programs and many State Nutrient Management Strategies, **every community** must have a program to identify, address, and prevent illicit discharges.

Please contact the Township office if you have any questions or need to report a concern.

Sources of illicit discharges are:

- · Sanitary wastewater
- · Effluent from septic tanks
- · Car wash wastewaters
- · Improper oil disposal
- · Radiator flushing disposal
- · Laundry wastewaters
- · Spills from roadway accidents
- Improper disposal of auto and Household toxic fluid

Storm Water Note:

Grass Clippings – do not dispose of grass clippings in nearby waterways or storm water drains. The clippings will break down and encourage the growth of algae which depletes the oxygen in water and impacts fish, aquatic species and water quality. Of you choose not to leave your clippings on your lawn, compost them. For more information on storm water go to the Jackson Twp. website and click on Links.